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AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

TO: Chairman Sam Olens

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DATE: July 12, 2005

PURPOSE

To approve a revised Citizens Corps Advisory Council resolution that reflects county department reorganization changes of the Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), and authorize the Chairman to sign necessary documents.

BACKGROUND

On September 23, 2003, the Board of Commissioners approved the formation of a Citizen Corps Advisory Council. This volunteer council of Cobb County residents was designed to provide a liaison between the community and the Department of Public Safety in the development of volunteer Homeland Security and emergency management training programs. The Citizen Corps Advisory Council has been an asset to the county and has served in an advisory role to CEMA to promote, improve, and help direct the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The Cobb County CERT program now has approximately 250 graduates.

County department reorganization has moved CEMA from the Department of Public Safety to the County Manager's Office. The County Manager is the appointed Director of CEMA, and the Deputy Director will serve as the facilitator for the Citizens Corps. The revised resolution reflects the related changes due to this reorganization. The revised resolution also provides additional flexibility for the size of the council and for appointments by the County Manager.

FUNDING

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

For the Board of Commissioners to approve a revised Citizens Corps Advisory Council resolution that reflects county department reorganization changes of the Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), and authorize the Chairman to sign necessary documents.

ATTACHMENT

Citizen Corps Council Resolution

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA**

CITIZEN CORPS ADVISORY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS:** President Bush requested citizens to volunteer their time and give back to their community, and as a part of this request, the national Citizens Corps Council was established, and
- WHEREAS:** The Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) has trained approximately 250 Cobb County community volunteers to date in preparation and response in the event of a man-made or natural disaster in our county as a part of the Citizen Corps initiative, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Emergency Management Agency requires agencies holding CERT classes to create a Citizens Corps Advisory Council that is the liaison between the community and the county for this specific Homeland Security program or for any other Citizen Corps volunteer programs, and
- WHEREAS:** In 2004, CEMA was moved from the Department of Public Safety to the County Manager's Office and because of this reorganization, administrative and logistical changes are needed in the authorities of the Citizen Corps Advisory Council, now
- THEREFORE:** Be it resolved by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners that the Citizen Corps Advisory Council that was created in 2003, as of this date changes the established bylaws to the following, due to changes related to interdepartmental reorganization:
- 1) A six (6) member Council, initially, with expansion of membership flexible as to need, but not to exceed ten (10) members, and
 - 2) Ideal membership will include A) One (1) Media Representative, B) One (1) Representative from the Neighborhood Safety Commission, C) Two (2) Community At-Large members with a public safety background and D) Two (2) General Community At-Large members, and
 - 3) After initially staggered terms of two (2) and three (3) years, all successive terms are for three (3) years or until successors are appointed, and
 - 4) All Council members shall be appointed by the County Manager, and
 - 5) The Council Chair shall be appointed by the County Manager and shall be a non-voting member of the Council except in the event of a tie-vote at which time the Chair shall cast the deciding vote, and
 - 6) The Deputy Director of CEMA, or his/her designee, will be the Council facilitator, and
 - 7) The Council members shall elect their own officers with the exception of the Chair appointment by the County Manager, and
 - 8) The County Manager may remove any Council members with or without cause at any time.

So adopted this 12th day of July, 2005.

SAMUEL S. OLENS, Chairman

CAROL D. GRANGER, County Clerk